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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5. There are no amendments to the specification or drawings. Further examination and reconsideration respectfully are requested.